

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after the title and before the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/974,978 entitled HYDROGEN-ABSORBING ALLOY AND HYDROGEN-ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE, filed on October 12, 2001, which is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/301,458 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,338,764) entitled HYDROGEN-ABSORBING ALLOY AND HYDROGEN-ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE, filed on April 29, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.